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My dear Watson,

Yours of Jan. 2. after secondary forwarding reaches me at the Capitol. All the aid I can give you as to *Vitis riparia* in N. E. is to corroborate what Pops, Perkins & Horsford say - ~~it~~ the *Vitis* they refer to is evidently the same one that is common in the vicinity of Hanover - ripening late, decidedly "acerb", small, and called "Foot Grape". Some people gather & preserve it, but few consider it of much account. I called this grape *V. riparia* in my Catalogue on the strength of a letter from Dr. Engelmann & without undertaking myself to

investigate the matter. Not feeling  
competent to do so. Dr. E. stated  
distinctly that in his opinion the  
grape mentioned above was repaired  
& that Cordifolia probably was  
not found in New England.

Not having his letter at hand  
I cannot state anything further.  
I cannot now recall the species  
of *V.* about Haverhill as seen by  
myself, I have been much puzzled  
by a second species found <sup>only</sup> about  
old deserted houses, which appears  
to be *V. Sabrusca* which I once  
heard called "Connecticut grape"  
which probably explains its origin.

I have been hoping to bring  
up in Cambridge before I get  
home (I am due the 18<sup>th</sup>) but I  
have a visit to make in New York  
& much to do here. I've got  
my leave of absence extended

if I can do so. If not I shall  
hope certainly to see you in  
April.

Have had a very pleasant  
call on Dr. Vasey & he at  
the Agl. Dept. & hope to see  
him again.

Glad to hear from you - my  
kindest regards & best wishes  
for both Mrs. Burwell & yourself.

Yours truly

Henry G. Jerup -

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